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FM AMEMBASSY LOME

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C O N F I D E N T I A L L O M E 1803

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON, SPOP, TO

SUBJ: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 161933

1. FOLLOWING ARE NAMES AND TITLES OF GOT DELEGATES:

A. CHIEF DELEGATE - ALPHONSE KORTHO, CHIEF OF CIRCUMSCRIPTION  
OF LOME.

B. NAZAIRE KOUASSI FREITAS, STATISTICIAN, ECONOMIST, ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR OF STATISTICS, OFFICE OF STATISTICS.

C. K.W. AYASSOU, CHIEF OF DIVISION OF DEMOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL  
STATISTICS, OFFICE OF STATISTICS.

D. GEORGES NYATEPE, SOCIOLOGIST, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH.

E. CARLOS DE MEDEIROS, MEDICAL DOCTOR, OFFICE OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH.

F. MME EUGENIE ADEKPLOIEGN OCIW ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF SOCIAL  
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G. MR KODJOVI, JOURNALIST, BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

2. SINCE, ACCORDING TO DEL MEMBER AYASSOU, GOT "HAS NO REPEAT NO OFFICIAL NATIONAL POLICY ON FAMILY PLANNING YET," AND SINCE ENTIRE ISSUE STILL CONSIDERED SENSITIVE HERE, EMBASSY BELIEVES RELATIVELY LOW-LEVEL GOT DELEGATION CAN BE EXPECTED TO LIMIT ITSELF TO OBSERVER ROLE. WHEN QUERIED BY EMBOFF, AYASSOU FLATLY STATED LIKELY GOT POSITION AT CONFERENCE UNKNOWN TO HIM.

3. DEL CHIEF KORTHO IS CATHOLIC, MARRIED WITH SEVEN CHILDREN, BUT HIS VIEWS ON FAMILY PLANNING ARE NOT KNOWN. HE HAS NO RPT NO MEDICAL BACKGROUND OR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF POPULATION MATTERS. HE IS A CAREER BUREAUCRAT, BUT ALSO IMPORTANT POLITICALLY; AS MEMBER OF RPT POLITICAL BUREAU, HIS IS DEFINITELY ONE OF POLITICAL ELITE. EMBASSY SUSPECTS GOT CHOSE HIM TO HEAD DEL WITH IDEA OF KEEPING OTHER MEDICALLY AND SOCIOLOGICALLY-ORIENTED MEMBERS FROM GETTING TOO FAR AHEAD OF NATIONAL SENTIMENT.

4. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SMALL CADRE GOT HEALTH AND EDUCATION OFFICIALS ARE WORKING DISCREETLY WITH USAID AND OTHER DONORS IN DEVELOPMENT TOGO FAMILY HEALTH PROJECT WHICH WILL PROVIDE FAMILY PLANNING INFORMATION AND SERVICES THROUGH EDUCATION AND HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS. WHILE GOTDEL ENDORSEMENT BF FAMILY PLANNING AT CONFERENCE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME, USDEL SHOULD AVOID ANY PRESSURE. EMBASSY BELIEVES IF PRESSED TO TAKE PUBLIC STAND, GOTDEL MOST LIKELY WOULD OPPOSE FAMILY PLANNING.  
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